

**FORCED TO KISS FLAG
AND MAKE AN APOLOGY****J. T. Norris Now Sorry and At-
tributes His Remarks to
Error of Head.**

(International News Service.)

Athens, Ga., June 1.—Because he had said that "he hoped every pound of flour shipped to Europe would go to the bottom before it reached its destination and every pound of wheat would be burned before it ripened to be shipped," J. T. Norris, 40, resident here for years, was forced to read a complete apology for the statement, which he said was an error only of the head; sign an oath to refrain from disloyal acts and words and kiss the United States flag on the steps of the city hall before an orderly audience of several hundred Athens people of all ages, sexes and native origin. Eighteen white-robed and white-capped members of the Ku-Klux Klan silently directed the quiet exercises, and the occasion was explained to the crowd by Prof. Giles, of the State College of Agriculture.

Silently the white-clad K. K. K's appeared in the streets and marched to the city hall. They took their places assigned on the steps, and Norris, prefacing his prepared apology, brought cheers from the hundreds by confessing his error and pledging his loyalty hereafter and forever. Following the ceremony, the crowd, which numbered over 1,000, dispersed quietly to their homes and the Ku-Klux paraded the principal streets of the city, bearing aloft banners bearing these legends:

"The climate is too hot for pro-Germans." "Only one wealthy man in Athens refused to give to the Red

**MOTOR TRUCKS TOUR
ARCTIC**

Washington, June 1.—If Dr. Cook had only waited he might have toured the Arctic zone in a motor truck and carried the pole back in it as evidence of his enterprise, for two motor trucks, Secretary Redfield said today, are performing valuable service on the islands of St. George and St. Paul, more than 250 miles north of the Aleutian islands, in the Bering sea.

These two trucks save the government much expense in gathering driftwood along the beaches to supply the various coastal stations. The wood drifts across the Pacific chiefly from the Amoor river, in Asia, and, getting caught in the swirl of the Japanese current, lands at a. b. Pribilof, high and dry. The trucks are used in mending roads, short hauling, and most chores adapted to the motor truck are performed up there toward the top of the world just the same.

There is one truck on each island, and Secretary Redfield indicated that their maker's first name was Henry.

Cross" and "The K. K. K's helped save the country once; they are ready to help again."

**HAYES OWINGS ARRIVES
SAFELY "OVER THERE"**

Mrs. Lon Guill, of 420 Cherry street, has received a card announcing the safe arrival of her brother, Hayes Owings, overseas. Owings, a painter by trade and employed by Hayes & Son for a long time, is a member of the 129th infantry. Thirty-third division.

**HINDENBURG RETURNS TO WEST FRONT
WITH CUNNING OF MAD RHINOCEROS****Comfort Found by United States in Fact He Attacks Where He
Knows There Are No United States Troops.
Bonehead Strategy.**

(By Newspaper Enterprise Association.)

Von Hindenburg has returned to the west front drive with all the delicate cunning of a maddened rhinoceros.

Stopped in Picardy and Flanders, he has exercised his elephantine strategy in a wild break aside from the course he wished to pursue. His assault on the front between Rheims and Soissons has all the indications of an attempted surprise. His animal intelligence, knowing he was halted at one spot, expected to take his enemies by surprise in another.

That the allies were not so surprised as Von Hindenburg expected is shown by the fact that British and French forces met his attack along the Chemin des Dames, in a district he had assumed to be denuded of its defenders since the Americans, three weeks ago, had been shifted north to meet the graver thrust.

There is comfort for America in the fact that Von Hindenburg deliberately chose to make his third and probably final assault in a spot where he knew there were no Americans.

The twenty-five-mile front between Vauxaillon and Rheims has seen no fighting since last summer. The first German blow gained (ostensibly for the crown prince) in less than a day the famous Chemin des Dames ("Road of the Ladies"), for which thousands of lives were sacrificed vainly in 1917.

The German staff apparently has decided to move the main battle front

from Flanders and Picardy to the Champagne. There are two reasons for perceiving this strategy:

1. The armies of the allies have strengthened their front between Ypres and Montdidier to such an extent that it is improbable the Germans could again break through on that front.

2. The Champagne front was necessarily weakened to throw reinforcements northward into Picardy and Flanders to stem the great drive of March and April. Thousands of American troops who had been stationed along the Chemin des Dames were among the reserves sent to Picardy.

Therefore, the Champagne front would seem to be the best spot to select for a "victory" of the sort dear to the hearts of the German people—one in which ground is gained regardless of the cost in lives.

That the Champagne front was not weakened enough to place the allied line in any real danger is indicated, however, by the official reports of the first day's fighting, showing that a British army is holding the line between Berry-Au-Bac and Rheims. This is the first time the British have extended their front so far to the east.

Here again the allies are given fresh proof of the far-sighted strategy of Gen. Foch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies.

The German strategy in attacking at a new point is similar to that employed in March, when the drive began. The French were given every reason to be-

lieve that the drive was to come along the Chemin des Dames. Accordingly the reserves were sent to this part of the line, and American troops took over part of the front near Chavignon. Instead of attacking here, however, the Germans struck in Picardy against the British. A gap was forced in the line of Gen. Haig, and it took several days for sufficient reserves to come up to make any appreciable defense.

Hindenburg is now reversing the order and forcing the allies to draw troops from the line in Picardy to withstand the assault in the Champagne.

As for the German objective, it may be any one of these four possibilities, which are set down here in the order of their plausibility:

1. The purpose of the attack in Champagne may be to widen the front. It began at the right end of the ground in the advance of March and April. If the battle goes as the Germans hope, it will force the allies to strengthen the Champagne front without weakening the Picardy-Flanders line. This will force the employment of the allied reserves.

2. It may be aimed to straighten out the great dent in the German line made by Gen. Petain last year when he forced the crown prince to retreat from the Chemin des Dames to the Ailette river. This would prevent allied flanking movements both from the east and west, which have been much talked of since the drive began.

3. The Champagne attacks may be merely a feint to disguise the German purpose of a new lunge for the channel ports at Amiens and Ypres. All the German preparations have indicated that the latter is still their main objective. If this is the case, the battle of the Ailette is not the principal struggle, but merely a part of a great new plan.

4. The drive on the Ailette may mean that Hindenburg has determined to cross the Aisne and Vesle rivers, capture Soissons and Compiègne, reach the Marne again and march on Paris.

The fourth possibility, that of a contemplated march on Paris, is considered least probable, for the reason that to make this attempt would entail greater German losses than have yet been dreamed of, even in this war of horrible slaughter.

It would require a secondary series of attacks against the Picardy line, for, unless Hindenburg protected his right flank, he would place his armies in exactly the same position that Von Kluck was in on the Marne in 1914, when the French turned the German left flank and forced the great retreat to the Aisne.

The only difference would be that in this case it would be the German right flank, rather than the left, which would be in the gravest danger.

There is the greatest reason for confidence in the ability of the allies to stem the new offensive, whatever its objective may be. Hundreds of thousands of American reinforcements, to say nothing of the great mass of British and French reserves, are in the line and ready.

The battle will be long and costly, but the Germans will pay a price for their victories out of all proportion to their value.

**NEGRO CHURCHES TO HAVE
UNION ORGAN RECITAL**

The Wiley Memorial, Rev. N. D. Shamborguer, pastor, and the First Congregational, Rev. H. C. McDowell, pastor, will have a union service at Wiley Memorial church Sunday, 8:15 p.m. The primary feature of the service will be a pipe organ recital by Prof. Carl R. Ditton. Prof. Ditton appeared in piano recital before a very appreciative audience at the Liberty theater Friday evening, and acquitted himself as the race's foremost musician. The organ is his specialty, and the program will be featured by his original transpositions of negro folk songs and jubilees.

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